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For: **MONITORING PATIENT COMPLIANCE AND
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BODY FLUIDS**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

September 7, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the following amendment be entered in the
subject allowed application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title and before first line of text, insert as a separate paragraph:

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This application is the national phase of international application
PCT/BR99/00096 filed November 23, 1999 which designated the U.S.

REMARKS

By this amendment, the specification has been amended to reference the PCT
application of which this application is the U.S. National Phase, as requested by 37 CFR